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Jeannette Rowlett to Demonstrate Wire-Wrapped Jewelry at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, July 7, Jeannette Rowlett, of Berea, will wrap semi-precious gems and Austrian crystals with sterling silver and 14-karat rolled gold wire to create her unique jewelry from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

A Laurel county native, Rowlett is a retired teacher and administrator who lives in Madison County. She specializes in the ancient art of wire-wrapped jewelry, which is made using non-solder methods and simple tools. With her hands, she bends, smoothes and shapes sterling silver and 14-karat rolled gold wire around semi-precious stones and colorful Austrian crystals to make sparkling and unique pieces of jewelry.

“My particular taste drives my style,” Rowlett said. “I strive to create jewelry that brings joy to the owner, who will wear it again and again.”

Rowlett’s jewelry is showcased in her working studio in Old Town, Berea, where she also makes fused glass beads.

Rowlett sells her work at art shows throughout the year and is a juried member and director of the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen. She is also a juried member of the Shelton Artisan Guild.

Works by Jeannette Rowlett are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea exit 77. The center’s exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily, year-round, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from 100 counties across the Commonwealth. Special exhibits on display include “About Face: Kentucky Artisan Works Inspired by the Human Face,” through Aug. 26, and “Commissioned to Create: Works by Artists Who Created the Governor’s Awards (1995-2011),” through July 29, an exhibit developed by the Kentucky Arts Council. For information about the center’s programming, call 859-985-5448 or visit the center’s website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov

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Jeannette Rowlett creates wire wrapped jewelry at the Kentucky Artisan Center